

Statute - ID

Idaho Code § 67-9224. Cooperative and group discount purchasing.

(1) The administrator may authorize an agency to:

(a) Become a participating member of a group discount purchasing organization;

(b) Participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for property with one (1) or more public agencies, independent of the requirements of section 67-2329, Idaho Code; or

(c) Utilize contracts of other public agencies within this state upon determining that the contract was let in a manner that constitutes competitive bidding consistent with the requirements of this chapter and is otherwise in the best interest of the state.

(2) The state's participation in a cooperative purchase or group discount purchasing organization must be formalized by a written agreement.

(3) The state's entrance fee or participation fee in a group discount purchasing organization must be based on criteria applied to all other members of the organization.

(4) Any agreement entered into pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be maintained on file with the division as well as with the agency entering into the agreement.

Local Governments:

Idaho Code § 67-2807. Cooperative purchasing.

With the approval of its governing board, a political subdivision may participate in cooperative purchasing agreements with the state of Idaho, other Idaho political subdivisions, other government entities, or associations thereof. Political subdivisions may also participate in cooperative purchasing programs established by any association that offers its goods or services as a result of competitive solicitation processes. Goods or services procured by participation in such cooperative agreements or programs shall be deemed to have been acquired in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

About Sourcewell:

Sourcewell is a service cooperative created by the Minnesota legislature as a local unit of government. Minn. Const. art. XII, sec. 3. As a public corporation and agency, Sourcewell is governed by local elected municipal officials and school board members. Minn. Stat. § 123A.21 Subd. 4 (2017). Under its enabling statute, Sourcewell is explicitly authorized to provide cooperative purchasing services to eligible members. Id. at Subd. 7(23).

Sourcewell follows the competitive contracting law process to solicit, evaluate and award cooperative purchasing contracts for goods and services. Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contracts are made available through the joint exercise of powers law to member agencies. Minn. Stat. § 471.59 (2017). Membership in Sourcewell is available for all eligible state and local governments, education, higher education and nonprofit entities across North America. § 123A.21 at Subd. 3.

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